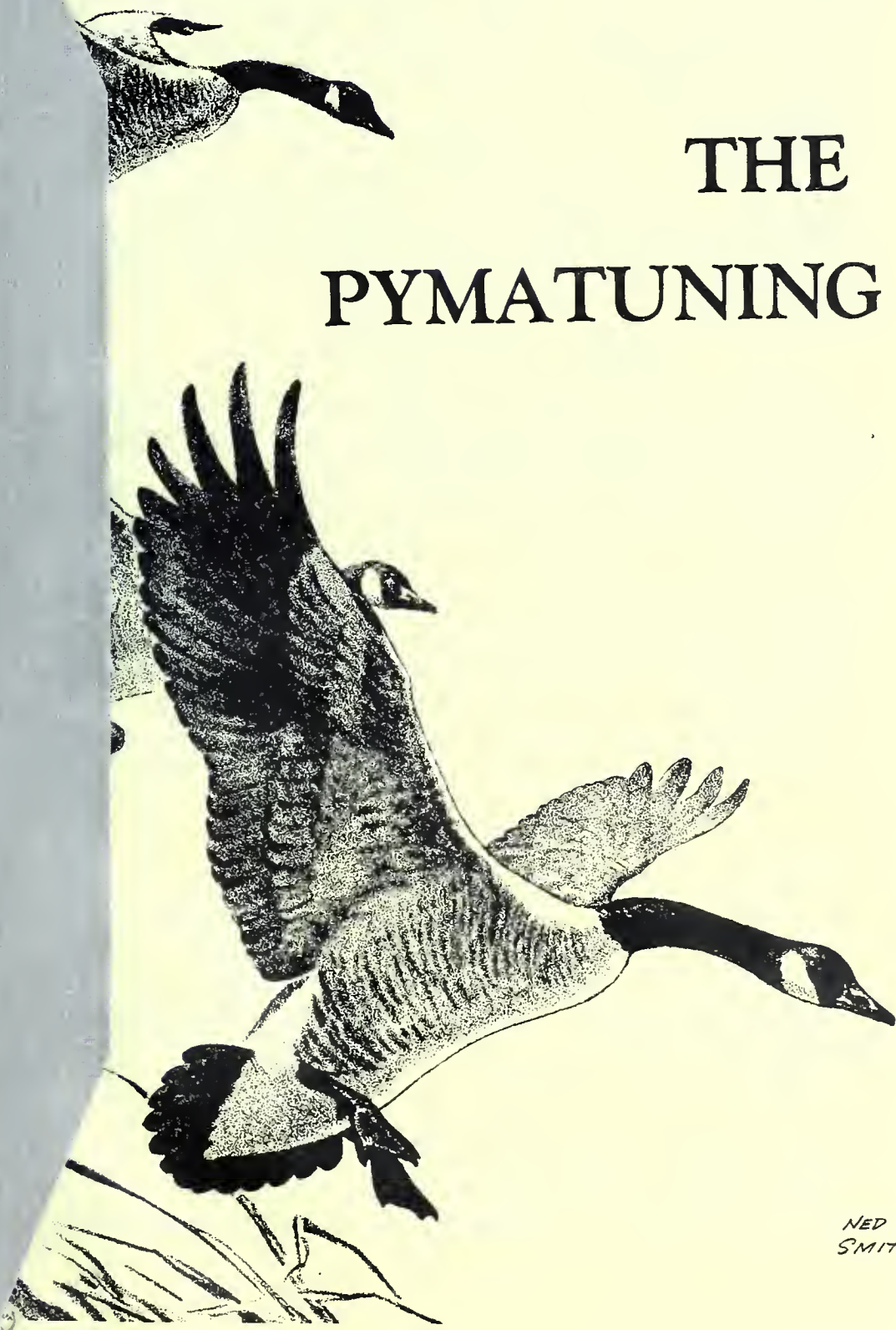


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Goose Management Area

Of special interest to hunters is the Game Commission's Goose Management Area where controlled shooting is available during the annual waterfowl season. Interested hunters may submit applications for blind reservations. Winning reservation holders are selected in an annual drawing. The reservation entitles the holder to one day shooting for himself and three guests in one of the blinds on the controlled shooting area. Public hunting is available in other areas surrounding the controlled shooting section. Some 20,000 Canada geese and many more ducks are on the area each fall. Special areas at the Pymatuning also have been established specifically for controlled duck hunting. These areas are indicated on the map included in this folder.

Wildlife Propagation Area

Purpose—To furnish migratory waterfowl a sanctuary in which to feed and rest in their flights north and south. Also, to provide undisturbed nesting and brood rearing habitat.

Established 1935, situated on the Atlantic Flyway.

Total area, 3,213 acres; water area 2,500 acres; land area 713 acres.

Twenty-two islands in propagation area furnish excellent nesting sites.

Ford Island comprises 103.3 acres on which is located the Waterfowl Management agent's dwelling and the museum.

Outside boundary of propagation area is 13½ miles, containing much shoreline suitable for nesting areas.

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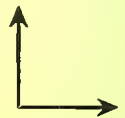
Purpose—Flood control and flow regulation of the Shenango and Ohio Rivers.

First land acquired in 1913.

Upper reservoir gates closed December 5, 1933.

Lower reservoir gates closed January 23, 1934.

Total area 25,000 acres—17,000 acres water and 8,000 acres land.



Lake 16 miles long, 1.6 miles average width. Maximum width 2.2 miles.

Shoreline 70 miles, largest water area in Pennsylvania.

Tributary drainage area 160 square miles.

Capacity 64,275,000,000 gallons. Maximum depth 35 feet.

The name Pymatuning is of Indian origin, meaning "Crooked-mouthed man's dwelling place."

Waterfowl Museum

Located between U. S. Routes 6 and 322 on Legislative Route 20006.

The museum was constructed and is being maintained by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for the display of mounted specimens of wild waterfowl, marsh, and shore birds that visit the Pymatuning region. It was completed and opened to the public on October 15, 1938. The exhibit now contains nearly 300 mounted specimens, representing over 65 species of birds, and additions are made from time to time. Most of the species are shown in flight attitude as well as standing, thus enabling one to study the characteristic markings shown when the birds are flying. Practically all of the specimens were collected on or near the area.

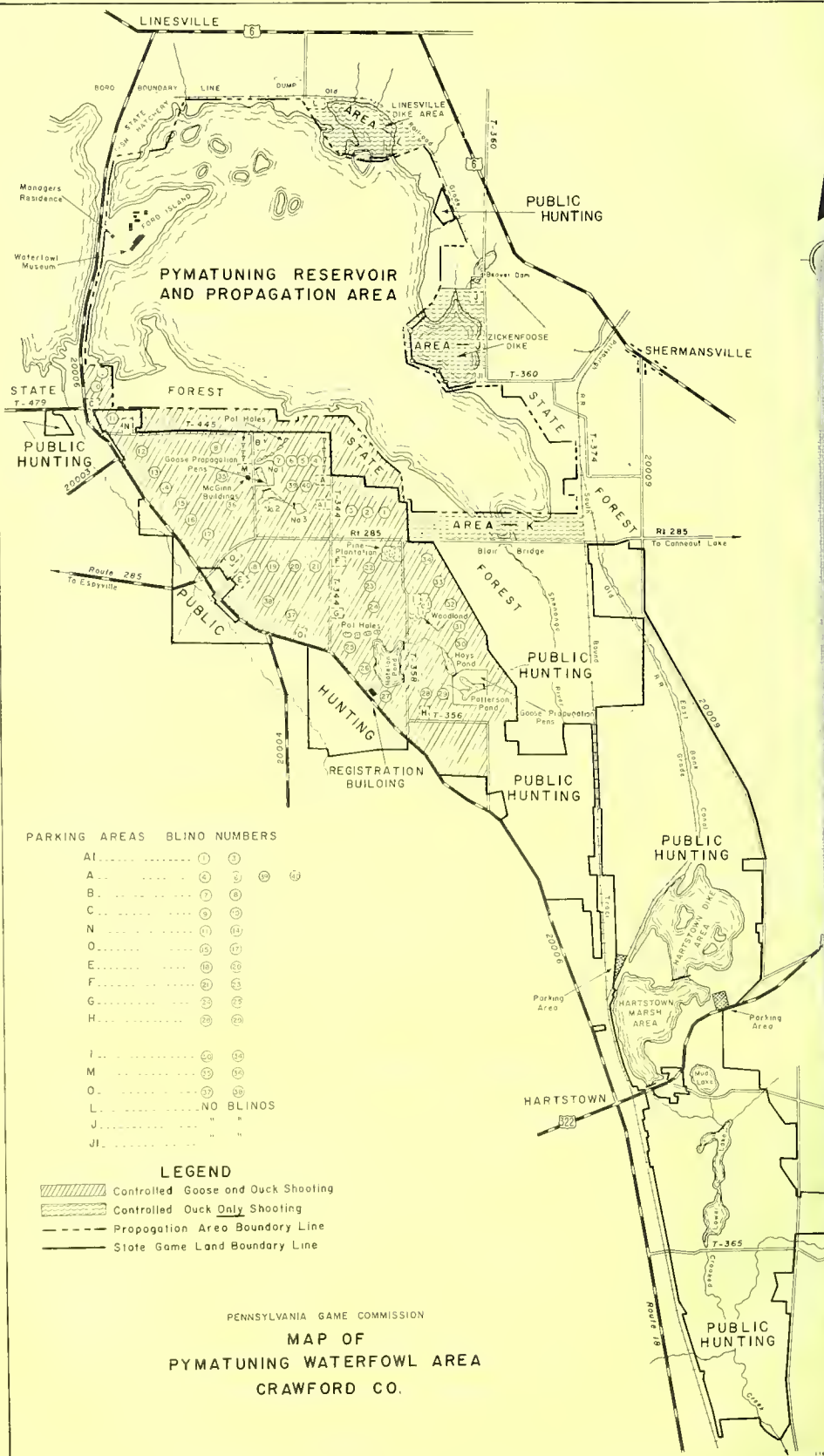
Admission is free and adequate parking facilities are available. The Waterfowl Museum is open from May 1 to November 30. Hours during May and June, October and November are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hours for July, August and September are 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

In 1969, new facilities were added, including a small lecture hall to better accommodate visiting groups.

Wildlife Food

To supplement the natural food supply already present, experiments have been conducted and considerable success attained by lowering the water level of the controlled duck shooting areas each spring and planting the exposed flats with millet and smartweed seed. In late summer, as the plants mature, the level of the water again is raised to make the new seed crop available to waterfowl. Additional food is provided on adjacent agricultural land within the area by cooperating farmers on a share basis.

The Waterfowl Program here at Pymatuning is made possible through the use of hunting license monies.



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